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THE undersigned announce the sale of the paintings of the late JOHN H. TWACHTMAN, to take place at the American Art Galleries on the evening of Tuesday, March 24th, 1903, at eight o'clock. The exhibition opening on Thursday, March 19th.

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Extract from advance sheets of "An Estimation of John H. Twachtman and his Work," which will appear in the April Number of the North American Review.

By the death of John H. Twachtman, the world has lost an artist of the first rank. He was a landscape painter of what is called the more modern sort; he certainly represents the most modern spirit. He is too modern, probably, to be fully recognized or appreciated at present; but his place will be recognized in the future, and he will one day be a "classic," to use the literary term; for the public catches but slowly the professional opinion, though in the end the professional opinion becomes the public opinion.

In defining the quality of Twachtman's painting, one would say that, first of all, he was a master of "values"—as much so as Whistler. The planes in his canvases lie back in their places with wonderful accuracy, producing an unsurpassed effect of atmosphere. His style is that of all great art—the line very fine and subtle, with no trick of stiffening or straightening to give what is called "classic dignity." He never composed or arranged, in the conventional sense, to fill a space.

One of his pictures instantly arrests the eye of the connoisseur, by a certain true aspect, as original as Thoreau, and sometimes curiously like him. To one familiar with American out-of-door Nature, the resemblance is striking. In one of Twachtman's representations of snow—say for instance, his painting of a dim wood-road in February—the kind of day is given perfectly. One feels the temperature, and recalls the scream of the blue jay, the black-green leaves of the sapling pines turning gray in the wind. It is like a page from Thoreau's note books. This likeness to Thoreau is, of course, due to the fact that they

were both original observers, observers at first hand. They were occupied with "les choses vues."

He painted yellow autumn and gray spring; early morning by rivers in places where the horizon is low; and he also painted studies of the more spectacular parts of America, like the Yellow-stone Park and Niagara Falls. These latter are interesting because of their point of view, as examples of the modern rendering—not as a finality, by any means. These places will probably not be finally treated in art for many centuries; but his studies of them have the same kind of interest that notes on the modern city of New York might have if written by Flaubert or De Goncourt.

It seems idle as yet to try to place Twachtman where he should be in relation to Corot, Rousseau or Daubigny. It is not the same kind of painting. As to Monet and Whistler, whom he is like, it is too soon to class him. What we do know is that he was a great artist; and we should preserve his work in museums, where it would not be subject to the danger of fire and careless handling, that we may show that we had at this time high art and respected it.

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